



# THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

## MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records  
320 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Meeting Date: November 5, 2014 - Wednesday

Time: 9:03 a.m.

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### Present:

Commissioners Valadez, Shell, Louie

Absent: Commissioners Pedersen and Modugno

### Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Fabrizio Pachano, Senior Civil Engineer

County Counsel: Ms. Elaine Lemke, Principal Deputy

Planning Director: Mr. Mark Child, Deputy Director, Advance Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Valadez representing the First Supervisorial District.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Shell/Louie – That the agenda for November 5, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved with Commissioners Shell, Louie and Valadez in favor and Commissioners Pedersen and Modugno being recorded as absent.

### COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. There were no reports given by County Counsel.

### DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

5. At the direction of the Chair, the minutes for September 27, 2014 were carried over to Wednesday, November 19, 2014 due to the lack of a qualified quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Permits

Action Taken as Noted

6. (Continued from 10/01/14 & 10/08/14). Project No. R2007-00670-(5). Applicant: Leбата Inc. Avenue T and 136<sup>th</sup> Street East. Antelope Valley East Zoned District. a. Surface Mining Permit No. 200700001. To authorize the establishment and operation of a surface mine located in the A-2-5 (Heavy Agricultural – Five Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) and A-2-1 (Heavy Agricultural – One Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. b. Environmental Assessment No. 200700053. To consider an Environmental Impact Report with impacts to air quality, biota, noise, and traffic considered and reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements.

Mr. Curzi proposed that the item be continued to allow staff and Department of Public Works additional time to resolve issues with Caltrans and complete their review of the proposed project.

Motion/second by Commissioners Shell/Louie – That the item be continued to Wednesday, December 17, 2014 to allow staff and both departments to finish their review of the proposed project.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was continued to Wednesday, December 17, 2014.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Community Studies North

Action Taken as Noted

7. Project No. R2014-01160-(1-5). Advance Planning Case No. 201400004. Renewable Energy Ordinance. To present the Renewable Energy Ordinance for discussion and Commission consideration. The Renewable Energy Ordinance proposes amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Code) to establish provisions for renewable energy facilities.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Cont.)

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Mr. Lee provided an overview to the Commission of the Renewable Energy Ordinance which would help the State of California accomplish its established goals for meeting energy demand using renewable resources which include solar and wind facilities.

He entered into the record that a letter was received from Endangered Habitats League expressing their concerns with the adverse environmental effects of large scale solar and of wind turbines. Staff will address these issues and incorporate them into the Ordinance.

Mr. Lee further indicated that the Ordinance will establish provisions regulating solar and wind renewable energy in a manner that supports and facilitates these types of facilities while minimizing impacts to the environment. The Ordinance will establish development standards to provide more guidance to staff, applicants and the public.

Mr. Lee commented that staff identified several key areas of focus for the Ordinance which include aesthetics, biota impacts and dust control. Staff is currently revising the Ordinance to incorporate comments received from the public and address concerns raised by local communities. Mr. Lee also indicated that continued outreach to interested town councils in the Antelope Valley and other stakeholders are scheduled for November 13 with Oco Town Council, November 19 with Antelope Acres Town Council, and November 20 with Fairmont Town Council.

He reported that the environmental review for the Ordinance is also underway and the Draft EIR is scheduled to be released early 2015. The Ordinance will be scheduled for Regional Planning Commission during spring 2015.

Commissioner Shell inquired if there were model ordinances created by other jurisdiction counties, which we can essentially take from. Staff indicated that they have received from the consultants a list of several county ordinances to use as a guide.

Commissioner Shell also requested that staff schedule a future tour of a utility scale solar facility in the Antelope Valley to review setbacks and aesthetics and how they impact the community. Mr. Child indicated that staff will provide dates for the Commission to consider.

At the direction of the Chair, with no further questions for staff, the Commissioners accepted the update.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

**8. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.**

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

**9. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.**

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

**10. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports**

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

ADJOURNMENT

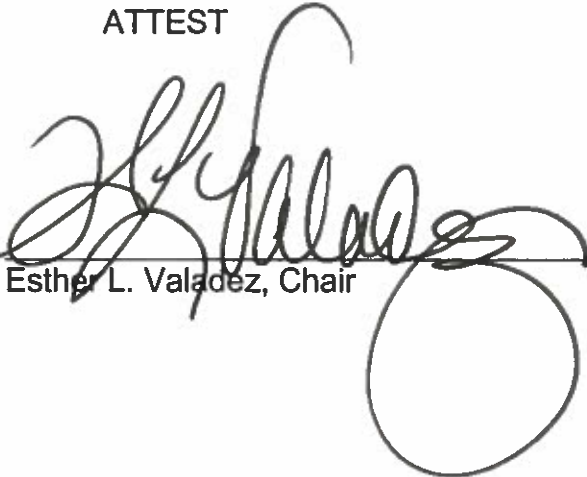
A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

The Commission adjourned at 9:13 a.m. to Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

  
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Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary

ATTEST

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Esther L. Valadez, Chair

  
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Mark Child, Deputy Director  
Advance Planning Division